

Species III: third embodiment described in pages 33-36 of the specification;

Species IV: fourth embodiment described in pages 36-41 of the specification;

Species V: fifth embodiment described in pages 41-52 of the specification;

Species VI: sixth embodiment described in pages 52-56 of the specification; and

Species VII: seventh embodiment described in page 56 of the specification.

In reply to the Examiner's indication that Applicant must elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits, Applicant hereby elects Species IV. Applicant submits that claims 1, 6, 8-10, 14, 19, 21-23, 27, 32, and 34-36 are readable on the elected species. Furthermore, Applicant respectfully submits that independent claims 1, 10, 14, 23, 27, and 36 are generic claims and that, upon allowance of these generic claims, the remaining dependent claims should be rejoined.

Furthermore, Applicant reserves the right to file divisional applications for the non-elected species.

#### Conclusion

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully

requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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